

## Regional Council Chairs' Committee

April 25, 2006

8:30 a.m.

*Attendees: Tani Downing, John Nixon, Chris Love, Kathleen Johnson, Randy Hopkins, Jon Pierpont, James English, Libbie Zenger, Jan Thompson, Deborah Van Leeuwen, Melissa Finch, Christian Ward, Steve Maas, Greg Diven, Deb Dull, Tammie Lucero, Mike Richardson, Stephanie Smith, Bob Gilbert, Julie Lay, Stan Eckersley*

### Welcome and Opening Business - Libbie Zenger

Libbie Zenger welcomed the group. She called for approval of the 12 January 2006 meeting minutes. Deborah Van Leeuwen motioned to approve the minutes as written, Deb Dull seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### Strategic Planning - Libbie Zenger

Libbie Zenger stated we heard direction on Strategic Planning yesterday at the State Council meeting. She called for feedback. Mike Richardson wants to ensure the Regional Council Chairs are receiving adequate information to make appropriate decisions.

### Human Capital Needs - Discussion and Feedback - Mike Richardson

Mike referred to the regional information that was distributed. Steve Maas added this information is strictly based on DWS' data. Mike asked the group to articulate data needs to DWS staff. Libbie Zenger stated Western Region has extremely diverse counties. She would like to see the information broken down by counties. James English requested Washington and Iron Counties be broken out separately as they are very different.

### Regional Plans for Next Year - Mike Richardson

Mike presented the template for Regional Plans for July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007. The group discussed the proposed template in detail. Melissa Finch reported BYU students completed a study on the friendly use of jobs.utah.gov, etc. She will send out the summary of their findings. Mike asked that the Regional Plans come to him and he will roll up to a State Plan. The deadline to get these plans up to Mike is flexible.

### Roundtable

Deborah Van Leeuwen reported the following for Mountainland Region (MR):

- There is a shortage of hospitality workers in Summit and Wasatch counties;
- The Health Care industry has a shortage and needs to partner with Education. They have had success in partnering with the MATC;
- They have conducted round table meetings with diesel mechanics and feels they are on target.

Greg Diven reported the following for Central Region (CR):

- CR continues to develop and expand the round table concept. They recently held one with the construction industry and had about 65 attendees. They discussed concerns and priorities;
- CR continues with manufacturing and automotive round tables. They are articulating into secondary schools and community colleges. They have one subcommittee looking specifically at the curriculum development and another committee looking at applied courses and how to get them approved. This is a major stumbling block for the automotive services program. They are drawing Education into these round tables. The decision makers are on board and are making things happen
- CR has reviewed committee assignments. They have determined several committees need evaluation and a couple need to be eliminated. At the same time, they found the need for a diversity committee within the make up of their own Council. They are looking how to address these needs.

Deb Dull reported the following for Southeastern Region:

- Southeastern has dissolved their energy committee as they felt it was stagnant. With their new training center, they determined they needed to move in a different direction;
- Moab is facing affordable housing issues. The wage scale is not comparable to the housing costs. Trailer parks, etc. are being sold to put in condos. It is difficult to recruit workers in as there is no place to live or the living is undesirable;
- The Training Center was given a \$1.1 M grant to buy the facility. We will be signing the papers and taking possession on July 1<sup>st</sup>. She continued trades such as miners and laborers need soft skills as well as training. Many of these individuals will be the managers of the future;

- San Juan County is gaining employment.

Tammie Lucero reported the following for the Uintah Basin:

- They received the \$ for the UABC. Local businesses in Vernal donated \$5.5M worth of land that can only be used for education. USU may have a campus there
- They have held committee meetings including realtors discussing affordable housing. Rentals are full. They have raised their prices;
- Health Care committees have met and are trying to find solutions to the issues.

Libbie Zenger reported the following for Western Region:

- WR's regional council vacancies have been filled;
- The Health care task force has worked to reduce shortages in the region. Snow College is contracting with Weber State University and will take over the program in the next few years;
- The Marketing Task Force is working on increasing the publication area on a quarterly basis
- The Fillmore EC will be closed;
- Two new employees will be working with WEEDA youth;
- The ECs are working to achieve their 50% goal of having employers enter job orders online;
- FEP customers with increased income is improving;
- Job Fairs and Career Fairs have been held co sponsored by DWS. 2700 students attended Construction Career Days. 25 employers participated in the trade section.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.